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In re application of

Ezio BOMBARDELLI

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Group 1655

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Examiner Catheryne Chen

FORMULATIONS FOR THE TREATMENT  
OF ARTHRITIS CONDITIONS

DECLARATION UNDER RULE 132

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

I, Ezio BOMBARDELLI, hereby declare as follows:

I am the inventor of the above-identified U.S. patent application. My relevant background and experience are set forth on the attached CV.

I have read the Official Action mailed March 13, 2007, and I am familiar with the present application. In reviewing the Official Action, there does not appear to be any appreciation for the superior efficacy in reducing pain, reducing stiffness, and improving physical function obtained by the claimed formulation.

I have performed the following experiments that compare the efficacy of each single component to the efficacy of the combination of components in the claimed formulation, i.e.,